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Docket No.: 52779USA1B.008

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
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Group Art: Unknown

Serial No.: 09/531,285

Examiner: Not Assigned

Filed: March 20, 2000

For: CIRCUIT ELEMENTS USING
A Z-AXIS INTERCONNECT

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Copies of the listed documents required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R §§ 1.97(g), (h), this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made, and is not to be

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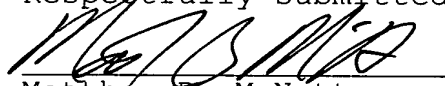
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The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the receipt of a first Official Action reflecting an examination on the merits, and hence is believed to be timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R § 1.97(b). No fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement, however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to these materials, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company Deposit Account No. 13-3723.

This application is a divisional application of Serial No. 08/986,882, filed December 8, 1997 and is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

Respectfully submitted,



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